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SUBJECT: SUDAN: MINNI MINAWI'S THOUGHTS ON HIS TRIP TO
WASHINGTON

¶1. (SBU) The following report is from Tod Wilson, with
Minawi in Dafur.

¶2. (SBU) Summary: Minni indicated that he was bringing an
eclectic group consisting of political officials,
businessmen, military and civil servants. He said that the
visit should not extend past 10 days. Minni desires to focus
his agenda on government officials, Congress, USAID and
meeting the Darfurian expatriate community. Minni has not
been in touch with his US point of contact, but intends to
do. He has still not finalized the female delegate position.
End Summary.

¶3. (SBU) Minni quickly reviewed the his delegate list and
stated that his visit would need to accommodate a wide array
of officials from SLM party political officials and civil
servants, SLA military officers and Darfurian businessmen.
40 percent of the list (mostly politicians and businessmen)
consists of officials living outside of Sudan. The senior
military officers on the list have little to no formal
military training.

¶4. (SBU) Minni did not commit to a specific time period for
his stay. He stated that the length of his visit would be
based on his program. When queried on the maximum time he
could spend, Minni indicated that he thought none of his
party should stay more than 10 days. He appeared emphatic on
this time period. In previous discussions he stated that he
would not attend the July 18 Brussels AMIS donors meeting
given their technical nature and did not plan on cutting his
trip short to attend the Egyptian hosted Arab League donors
meetings on July 27.

¶5. (SBU) Minni is considering assembling the entire group
in Cairo for two days enroute to organize for the visit. Del
members in Sudan can fly to Cairo with a two day lay over and
then on to their final destination by July 22. Others would
fly from their present locations. We assume for those flying
from Sudan a fund cite will be provided for tickets and those
flying from other locations will be reimbursed separately.

¶6. (SBU) Minni is counting heavily on Washington to develop
a tentative program, including with Darfurian expats and
Congressional offices, that he can then comment upon. He
promised to contact his POC in Washington asap. In addition
to official calls, members of the group may benefit from some
civil society organization training, political party
development discussions, and small business enterprise
discussions. Additional options for training could be
designed for members of his group according to what their
roles will be in DPA implementation.

¶7. (SBU) Minni plans to depart for Egypt on July 5 and will
return to Darfur in 3 or 4 days, after which he plans to come

to Khartoum.
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